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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Future Of The Saar

MR Hoffman, the Premier of the Saar, is probably as surprised as anyone by the overwhelming vote of confidence which Saarlanders gave last Sunday to his policy for Europeanising an area which is as vital to French interests as it is to those of Western Germany. The election result was a personal triumph for the Saar Premier, shadowed only by the fact that certain pro-German political parties had been banned from registering their votes. The present international status of the Saar is a French creation which has been given only half-hearted approval by Britain and the United States, and the knowledge that Premier Hoffman took the extreme action of applying a suppressive article in the constitution to free elections must leave both Washington and London with some doubtful feelings about the popular will of the Saarlanders on the question of a closer political and economic association with France.

Dr Adenauer, leader of the West German Government, cannot be expected to view the outcome of Sunday's elections with any degree of satisfaction. While he has made sincere efforts to reach an agreement with France upon a "European" status for the Saar, he has never wavered from the view that West Germany should have an equal say in its administration and should share its wealth of natural resources. It has been suggested that probably the reason why Dr Adenauer and M. Schuman have so far failed to agree on the future of the Saar is because the other six-power European projects—the Coal and Steel Community, the defence community, and the political authority—are not far enough advanced for either side to renounce its rights or claims in the Saar in any final way. And Sunday's election result is not likely to bring West Germany and France any nearer to composing their differences. Premier Hoffman obviously feels he has been given a clear mandate to proceed with his policy of closer union with France, but whether he is prepared to take positive steps towards finalising a Europeanisation scheme without a plebiscite remains to be seen.

TAFT-EISENHOWER ROW

BLOWS UP Disagreement Over Appointment

Washington, Dec. 2. The uneasy post-convention truce between General Dwight D. Eisenhower and Senator Robert Taft blew up today over the Republican Presidential elect's selection of Mr Martin Durkin, a Democrat and Union official, as Secretary of Labour.

Taft's blast at what he termed this "incredible" appointment swept away in one moment the outward show of harmony and co-operation built up in the months since Eisenhower defeated Taft for the Republican Presidential nomination.

Since the July Republican convention, one of the big questions of the political horizon has been how Eisenhower as President would get along with the Ohioan, who is acknowledged to be the most influential of the Republican Senators.

It is reduced now to more specific questions. —Will Taft fight Senate confirmation of Durkin? Taft did not say in his statement calling Durkin a "partisan Truman Democrat", and the appointment a double-barrelled affront to those Democrats who voted for Eisenhower and to Union members who supported the Republican candidate despite American Federation of Labour-Congress of Industrial Organizations endorsement of Democratic nominee, Adlai Stevenson. The Senate's attitude usually has been that a President is entitled to have any reasonably qualified person he wants in his Cabinet.

2—Is there to be an open struggle between the Taft wing of the Republican Party and those elements which by and large have followed the leadership in recent years of New York Governor Thomas E. Dewey?

PATRONAGE CONTROL
By implication Taft said the Deweyites had taken control of patronage and were responsible for Durkin's appointment. He said in his statement that Herbert Brownell had "been the key man" on Cabinet appointments. Brownell was Dewey's campaign manager in 1948 when the latter ran for President and Eisenhower has chosen Brownell to be his Attorney General.

3—What will be the effect of Taft's coolness—his attitude that Durkin's appointment is an enormous mistake—on Senate reception of Eisenhower's general legislative programme?

Assuming Durkin is confirmed by the Senate, Taft and those who support him, undoubtedly

will cast a critical eye on any proposed enlargement of the Labour Department—a subject on which Durkin spoke hopefully and confidently when his appointment was announced yesterday.

Durkin did not say so, but newsmen got the impression he felt he had good assurances the Labour Department would be strengthened and might take over some now independent agencies such as the Federal Mediation Service, which acts to settle labour strikes.

Durkin has said, too, that he believes the Taft-Hartley Act can be amended in a way satisfactory to both labour and management.

TAFT'S POWERS
Taft is to be chairman of the Senate Labour Committee in the new Congress. In that spot he will have much to say about what functions are added to the Labour Department and what changes are made in the labour law of which he was part author.

Moreover, the question of confirming Durkin's appointment will come before the Labour Committee.

Before his blast at Durkin's appointment, Taft had shown signs of unhappiness over the way the late Mr Eisenhower's administration are being distributed.

One point of agreement he and Eisenhower made during the campaign was that there would be no discrimination against Taft people.

Disseminated last month he had made several recommendations to Eisenhower for Cabinet appointments. All his recommendations at that level have been passed over.

There was no immediate comment from Eisenhower's headquarters on Taft's blast at the Durkin appointment.—Associated Press.

Girl's Amazing Fast

Mehanna, India, Dec. 2. A judge of fatness, Madras High Court today urged the Indian Government to investigate the case of a fasting 17-year-old girl whom he described as "a challenge to all scientific notions."

The girl, Dhanalakshmi, has taken no food or drink since May.

The judge had studied all the facts and said: "She is a unique phenomenon of Vayna Karshima (living on air) known only to our sages and described in sacred Hindu books," he said.

The girl's father has said that his daughter showed no signs of fatigue, was quite normal and had not lost any weight.—Reuter.

The Saar Problem Schuman And Adenauer To Exchange Opinions

Paris, Dec. 2. The French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, announced today that he would soon resume correspondence with the West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, for a settlement on the long-disputed future of the Saar.

Sunday's Saar polling had shown he said, that three out of four electors preferred an international status for the territory rather than its attachment to Germany.

Hopes of a Franco-German agreement ran high here but official circles were without information of the attitude of the West German government and the Bonn Parliament.

Dr Adenauer is believed here to be willing to give up the idea of forcing the Saar back to Germany in favour of an international status for this rich coal and steel region. But he is considered to have determined opponents not only in his cabinet but in his own party.

The West German Government "is prepared at any time" to resume negotiations with France, the government Press chief said in Bonn today.

ONE CONDITION

But the economic conventions linking France and the Saar must be abolished altogether, he added. Any solution for Europeanising the territory would only be provisional until a German peace treaty with the Allies was signed.

M. Schuman believes that the results of the Saar elections will facilitate a Franco-German agreement.

"Instead of being an obstacle to European union," he told a Press conference today, "the Saar has become a guarantee and symbol for the unification of Europe."

Probably, M. Schuman will wait for the foreign affairs debate in the Bonn Bundestag this week before writing again to Dr Adenauer and he may even prefer to wait until the foreign affairs debate in his own assembly has taken place.

This was fixed for Thursday but may be postponed to give way to discussion of the 1953 finance bill.

PLEBISCITE

M. Schuman said today that any proposed international statute for the Saar would be decided by a plebiscite under international guarantees.

The controlling international body could be either the Coal and Steel Pool Authority, representing six countries—France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg—or the Council of Europe with its 18-nation members, including Britain.

The French insist on the maintenance of their economic union with the Saar but are willing to modify the terms with the creation of a permanent international Saar Statute.—Reuter.



This enormous pile of shell casings in the salvage yards of the 7th Division United Nations Forces in Korea is evidence of some of the heaviest fighting on the Korean front. Native volunteers are seen as they unload the shells for salvage and re-use by the United Nations forces.—London Express.

No Extension Of Korean War Envisaged

London, Dec. 2. Authoritative British quarters were satisfied today that President-elect Dwight Eisenhower's trip to Korea would not lead to extension of the war by the United Nations.

The assurance came as West Europeans believed Mr Eisenhower already was in Korea.

"Among the limited potential alternative solutions to the Korean problem, extension of the war is not under consideration," stated the sources firmly.

These views were understood to have emerged from recent talks in New York by the Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, with Mr Eisenhower and the United States Secretary of State designate, Mr John Foster Dulles.

The sources said that if Red China failed to meet the wave on the latest Indian peace plan or otherwise, immediate alternatives might include a stepped-up bombing offensive against the Reds in Korea and gradual development of the forces by the Koreans.

The possibility of an all-out offensive against China was squarely dismissed by the sources.

Meanwhile, British officials said the Indian peace plan, after endorsement by the United Nations General Assembly, would be dispatched without delay to Peking, probably later this week.

SLIM POSSIBILITY

While there was little hope now that Peking would accept the plan, a slim possibility of second thoughts on the part of China were not ruled out here.

A Foreign Office spokesman made it clear that close study of the Geneva convention by legal experts now confirmed that the United Nations stands on a firm basis, "both morally and legally," in its dealings with the prisoners of war issue.

The Communists argue that the existing convention prevents limitations of repatriation.

The spokesman said a close study of provisions imposed the obligation to take into account "the interests of war prisoners."

He added that it was clearly not in the prisoners' interest to be "driven into bayonets"—United Press.

LONDON TAKES

London, Dec. 2. Prime Minister Winston Churchill today summoned leaders of eight British Commonwealth nations to discuss Korea and other world problems with members of the British Cabinet on Thursday.

Six Commonwealth Prime Ministers besides Mr Churchill will attend. They are here for a crucial economic conference which opened last Friday.

The six are Louis St Laurent of Canada, Robert G. Menzies of Australia, Sidney S. Holland of New Zealand, Dudley Senanayake of Ceylon, Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana, and Sir Godfrey Huggins of Southern Rhodesia. India will be represented by Finance Minister Sir D. C. Deshmukh and South Africa by Deputy Prime Minister N. C. Havenga.

Future of UN policy in Korea is likely to figure high on the agenda.—Associated Press.

IMPORTANT SINGAPORE PARLEYS

Singapore, Dec. 3. The hot and cold war in Asia will be discussed during the five-day secret talks among British representatives in Southeast Asia and the Far East, opening tomorrow at Bukit Serene, Johore, home of Commissioner-General Malcolm MacDonald.

An official communiqué said on Tuesday that a British Minister will be attending this annual meeting for the first time. The 63-year-old Marquess of Reading, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, arrived in Singapore yesterday to sit in on the conference.

Informed sources said the Communist offensive in Indo-China was expected to be the top item on the agenda of the talks, which also will include a discussion of Britain's economic and political problems in this part of the world.

Those attending include the Governors of Hongkong, Singapore, North Borneo and Sarawak, three service Chiefs in the Far East, deputy Commission Generals, Ambassadors to Thailand, Indonesia, Burma, Ministers to the Philippines and Indo-China; deputy High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in India Mr C. S. Phipps; the Office of the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in Australia; and Sir Esler Denning, British Ambassador to Japan.—United Press.

GOVERNOR LEAVES

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, together with the British Ambassador to Japan, Sir Esler Denning, left at 11.23 this morning from Kai Tak by BOAC plane for Singapore where they will attend the Governor's conference with Mr Malcolm MacDonald.

The take-off was delayed an hour and 23 minutes owing to the prevalence of strong crosswinds at Kai Tak.

Drink Varnish Cocktails

Montgomery, Dec. 3. Four convicts of the Montgomery State Prison and seven others were critically ill after drinking cocktails which they made out of varnish last Sunday.

One of the sick men said that a convict working in a painting gang stole a bottle of methyl alcohol, and invited the others to a drinking spree in their dormitory.—France Press.

After The Battle



Seoul, Dec. 3. Biting cold that rolled down from Manchuria and Siberia closed over the snowy Korean front this morning. Temperatures dropped toward zero in the forbidding eastern mountains.

It was the coldest weather of the new—and third—winter on the bleak 185 mile battlefield.

Seoul itself was ten above zero under a brilliant early morning but the front line nearly 80 miles farther north at some points was much colder.

Last night's chilling cold, the first bitter onset of the season, slowed fighting at all points except Sniper Ridge, where Chinese squads probed South Korean positions on the slopes of Pinpoint Hill.

Absentminded Shopper

London, Dec. 2. Mrs Richard Joebner, 63-year-old wife of a Jewish professor, was fined £5 with five guineas costs at Marylebone Police Court today for stealing a tin of Ravelli and some fish worth two shillings and two pence from a self-service store.

Mrs Joebner said that she put the goods in her shopping bag and not in the firm's wire basket quite absentmindedly because her thoughts were of the difficulties in Jerusalem.

Her husband, professor Richard Joebner, professor of history at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, said that she had been so absentminded lately that she had thrown their air return tickets costing £300 first into a wastepaper basket and then into a dust bin from where they were recovered.

Mrs Joebner is living in London while her husband does research work at the British Museum.—Reuter.

Cold Wave Strikes War Front In Korea

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PLANES GROUNDED

The cold also severely hampered the Air Force. Many Korea based planes were grounded most of the day by icing conditions. Those fighter bombers that did fly carried out routine missions over North Korea. F-80 Sabre jets were out but there were no reported fighter engagements.

Earlier the Chinese made a series of determined small unit attacks on Sniper Ridge, pushing one to two platoons in a push that brought them to within hand grenade distance of the defending ROKs. As evening approached however, the Reds withdrew.

The biting chill brought new misery to the front-line infantrymen particularly those in action at outposts and forward bunkers which have no heat.

With only minor exceptions, however, winter clothing has been issued and the men, although uncomfortable, were in no danger from the cold alone.—Associated Press.

Weather Stops Ships & Planes

Amsterdam, Dec. 2. Shipping on the IJsselmeer was almost paralysed today by ice and fog.

At one harbour on this inland sea starting contests will be held tomorrow if the frost holds.

But the ice is worrying the population of the picturesque island of Marken as it is threatening to cut their only link with the mainland. Today's boat got through with great difficulty.

Airliners were delayed by snow, varying in depth from one to six inches, in New York, Washington, and the rest of the northern United States today.

In Pennsylvania and Maryland roads were described as hazardous.—Reuter.

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Johore Bahru, Dec. 3. The case against Chou Seok-king, cashier of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, accused of cheating the Bank of \$1,237,700 came to an abrupt end in the Sessions Court yesterday.

The case was down for reargement only but when it was called Mr T. R. Hepworth, the Legal Adviser in Johore, on behalf of the Prosecution told the President of the Sessions Court that he was not prepared to proceed with it as the charge stood at present.

He asked the Court to make an order for the discharge of the accused and asked the Court to exercise its power under the Criminal Procedure Code to make the discharge one that did not amount to an acquittal.

Mr G. Toh, of Braddell Brothers, who represented the accused, asked that the order should be made granting an acquittal as well.

Mr Justice Ali Hassan, the President of the Court, refused Mr Toh's application and discharged the accused, such order not to amount to an acquittal.—Reuter.

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Prince Felix of Hapsburg, fourth son of the last Emperor of Austria, shown with his bride, Princess Anne Eugenie of Arenberg, after their civil marriage ceremony at Beaulieu-sur-Mer, in France. The couple later went through the religious marriage ceremony in a Roman Catholic church. Central Press Photo.

London, Dec. 2.

After two days' general discussion on trade and trade development and commodity policies the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference got down to brass tacks today, discussing ways and means of paying for their new schemes.

Expansion in Commonwealth production of a number of commodities has been agreed upon to increase the output of dollar savers and dollar earners. This agreement covered wheat, rice, meal and dairy products, cotton, copper, zinc, aluminium, steel, fertilisers and engineering goods.

Officials said that the conference agreed that a substantial proportion of money, machines and men required for the expansion programme must be found within the Commonwealth. This is a question to be dealt with today by a committee of specialists set up by the Prime Ministers yesterday to go over the whole range of Sterling Area finance.

This Committee met under the chairmanship of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Richard A. Sayers. It consists of the Commonwealth Finance Ministers or their representatives. Australia is represented by its Prime Minister, Mr. Robert G. Menzies, who is the Commonwealth's strongest advocate of free convertibility of Sterling.

Convertibility is seen to be emerging as the key issue of the conference, because Australia, New Zealand and Asian members contend that without measures for the free use of Sterling there would be no attraction for investment in new schemes or any incentive for wider trade.

Although the Prime Ministers have agreed that the Sterling Area must finance a big proportion of development plans itself, they also have agreed that United States' help must be sought in providing engineering goods and machinery for transport, power and irrigation. Further, it has been agreed that American co-operation will be necessary to stabilise markets and prices for commodities judged to be the biggest dollar earners.

TARIFF ISSUE

In addition to Sterling convertibility, the specific commodities have to consider the use of tariffs and this brings in the question of Imperial Preference and the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs. It appears that the weight of argument among the Prime Ministers leans upon the side of easing trade restrictions of every sort to facilitate United States capital flowing into the Commonwealth for developing raw material resources sufficient to enable the Sterling Area to live by trade rather than by aid.

General agreement so far reached apparently favours such modifications of GATT as will enable the Commonwealth to give preference in return for engineering imports. Through these two approaches hope is given as to a progressive surplus in foreign trade which would enable the restoration of Sterling convertibility by stages. This, the Prime Ministers believe, would make it possible for foreign capital to vent its earnings and assist a higher level of world trade as a whole.

The conference has taken into account statistics in its official briefs showing that the Sterling Area produces two-thirds of the world's tea, over half the world's cocoa, over half of the world's rubber, over half of the world's gold, nearly half the world's wool, one-third of the world's rice, and manganese, over 25 per cent of the world's copper and zinc, one-quarter of the world's sugar and tobacco and one-fifth of the world's wheat and coal.

EXPANSION SCHEMES

Canada, which is not a Sterling Area member, but a member of the Commonwealth, produces five-sixths of the world's nickel. In relation to meat and dairy products the conference examined expansion schemes for Australia and New Zealand.

Another Record For RAF Jets

Dakar, Dec. 2.

Four Royal Air Force Canberra jet bombers arrived here from Recife, Brazil, today to set up yet another jet plane record. They became the first jets to make the West-East crossing of the South Atlantic.

The flight was the home-ward leg of an extensive demonstration and goodwill tour of South America and the West Indies.

On their way out, they set up another record—the first East-West jet crossing of the South Atlantic. Reuter.

'BABIES BY LICENCE' SUGGESTED

London, Dec. 2.

A plan to permit babies "by licence only" is drawn up in a church magazine by 63-year-old silver-haired Canon Charles Lowe.

Three thousand copies of the magazine are circulating in his parish of Old Church, Smithwick, Staffs, "where much prudery exists," says Canon Lowe.

He said that the article is intended to provoke discussion. It says:—

"There is a world shortage of food...the rational thing would seem to be to reduce our birth rate by planning.

"Babies should be permitted by licence only, until the population is reduced to the level of our home production of food. The unit and sub-normal should, of course, be sterilised. No one should be allowed to marry under the age of 30, and until they have a house.

"As a further step, the progress of medical science in lengthening life might be neutralised by persuading the over-70s to submit to euthanasia for the good of the country.

"Such steps would mean that England would again become a green and pleasant land, instead of a land of concrete, bricks, and mortar, and it could grow plenty to feed its moderate population."

Canon Lowe has two grown-up children—a son and a married daughter.

BRITISH OIL COMPANIES

Labour MPs Press For Inquiry

London, Dec. 2.

Labour Members of Parliament pressed in the House of Commons today for an investigation of British oil companies on the lines of the anti-trust oil inquiry now going on in the United States.

The request was prompted by the British Government's refusal to allow documents about British companies' activities to go before the anti-trust board in Washington.

Mr. Frank Beswick, Labour, suggested that an investigation should be made by the British Monopolies Commission, a body set up by the Labour Government in 1948 to investigate monopolies.

Mr. H. G. Strauss, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, replied that the President of his department would bear this suggestion in mind in considering future matters for reference to the commission. Asked by a Labour member whether the President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Peter Thorneycroft) would give priority consideration to the question, Mr. Strauss said: "No, I do not think any such advice is required. When the President chooses subjects for reference, he will himself consider the relative importance of the matter suggested."—Reuter.

Duke Returns To Britain

London, Dec. 2.

The Duke of Edinburgh and the Duchess of Kent arrived home today by a special plane from Rome.

The Duke had spent a week's holiday in Malta and the Duchess had been away for two months on a tour of the Far East.

They were met by Queen Elizabeth II, the Queen Mother, Princess Margaret and the Duchess of Gloucester.

The Duchess of Kent's children, Prince Michael and Princess Alexandra, were on hand to welcome their mother back.—Reuter.

Presents Credentials

Belgrade, Dec. 2.

Turkey's new ambassador to Yugoslavia, Agha Axel, today presented his credentials to Yugoslavia's Deputy Foreign Minister, M. Bebler.—Reuter.

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Staving Off Third Global War

Chicago, Dec. 2. Dr Arthur H. Compton, who directed the laboratory where the atomic age came into being 10 years ago, said today that nuclear weapons had staved off a third global war and disaster for the entire world.

Dr Compton, now Chancellor of Washington University, spoke at ceremonies marking the 10th anniversary of the world's first civil-destroyed nuclear chain reaction.

It was on December 2, 1942, that the noted physicist, Enrico Fermi, gave the signal that put the first nuclear pile into operation.

The ceremonies today were held in the squash court beneath the University of Chicago's Stagg Field, where the historic event took place.

Dr Compton, who directed work in the improvised squash court laboratory, said that the atomic bomb saved the lives of millions of Americans and Japanese by shortening World War II.

Since then, he said, it had created a balance of power in the post-war world.

A third world war had been held off that would have meant the lives of many more millions and disaster for the entire world.

"We, who had the might of atomic nucleus in our hand would have been traitors to mankind had we refused to build bombs and use them with tempered blows," he added.

"We should at present be staving off a third world war if we did not give free men the means of maintaining their freedom," United Press.

Santa Claus In Holland



In front of the Royal Palace in Amsterdam, Holland, attendants of the Dutch version of Santa Claus give gifts to the Princesses Marijke and Margriet during the parade which marked the arrival of Santa Claus in Amsterdam.—Express Photo.

General Collins To Attend Next Meeting Of NATO

Washington, Dec. 2.

Highly reliable military sources said today that General Omar Bradley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, plans to send General J. Lawton Collins to represent him at the NATO meeting in Paris on December 15.

General Bradley, however, would himself attend the next meeting, to be held in February in Paris.

General Bradley made up his mind over the week-end not to go to Paris as he would not keep in the closest touch with Mr. Dwight Eisenhower in the next few weeks. General Bradley is staying with Mr. Bernard Baruch on the latter's estate in South Carolina.

General Collins was considered the logical choice because NATO Army questions, including the possibility of raising three more armoured divisions next year, were likely to have high priority in the NATO discussions in Paris.

Admiral William Fechteler, Chief of Naval Operations, is believed less likely to go as he appeared to be relatively satisfied with the NATO discussions held in the Defence Department here on problems of an overall naval commander in the Mediterranean.

Admiral Sir Rhoderick McGrigor, British First Sea Lord, and Admiral Robert Noun, Chief of Staff of the French Navy, attended these secret discussions, which were believed to have gone a long way to solving the long-standing difficulty of an overall commander.

CARRIERS' ROLE

It is understood that Admiral Fechteler found Admiral McGrigor more conciliatory on this matter than had been the case of British Admirals at previous conferences.

Admiral McGrigor was reported to recognize the preponderant role to be played by the big United States aircraft carriers in the Mediterranean and, as a consequence, to be more inclined to accept an admiral with a good knowledge of aircraft as overall commander.

The annual report of the rearmament progress made by the NATO nations in 1952 will be handed to the standing group in Paris on December 6 before it is submitted to the Council meeting on December 15.

While rearmament decisions for 1953 would be referred to the NATO Council meeting in February, General Matthew Ridgway is expected to take up at this month's meeting the matter of more NATO armoured divisions.

ARMoured DIVISIONS

General Ridgway considered three to four armoured divisions should be set up in 1953 and that logical contributions would be one each from the United States, Britain, France and Benelux.

However, in view of the great expense of raising and maintaining an armoured division, General Ridgway might have to be content with only two next year.

The United States Congress would have to authorize the creation of another United States armoured division for Europe.

Equipment and operational readiness of NATO reserve divisions would be likely to have an important place in the discussions.—United Press.

Korea Seeds Growing At Kew Gardens

Army And Air Force Acts May Be Amended

DISCHARGE BY PURCHASE TO BE RESTORED?

London, Dec. 2.

Amendments to the Army and Air Force Acts which would oblige commanding officers to notify next of kin if a National Service man intends to change to a regular engagement in the Armed Forces, and abolish the automatic forfeiture of service for desertion and fraudulent enlistment are recommended by a House of Commons Select Committee set up to consider the revision of the Army and Air Force Acts.

Representatives of the War Office who appeared before this committee said it was hoped to restore discharge by purchase by September 1953, and that a manual of recruiting, last published 18 years ago, was being rewritten.

'Monty' To Visit United States

Paris, Dec. 2.

Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery, D. C. O., will visit the United States and Canada next Spring.

A SHAPE announcement today said he would be in the U. S. from March 25 to April 15, and in Canada from April 15 to April 25.

Viscount Montgomery will confer with Government and defence officials and tour military schools and training camps.—Associated Press.

Gesture By American Servicemen In Britain

London, Dec. 2.

Hundreds of British orphans will be treated to a big-time American Christmas this year through the efforts of American servicemen.

The biggest blow-out will be at Lakenheath, near Cambridge, where Santa Claus will descend in a helicopter to hand out US\$2,000 worth of gifts to 350 orphans.

The party is being planned by Air Force officers and men stationed at Lakenheath and Mildenhall, who are set to spend US\$2,500 for the whole party.

It will be held on December 22 at the R.A.F. station at Lakenheath.

The helicopter will be on loan from the British Air Ministry.

Every child will have a G. I. "foster father" for the day. Before sitting down to the traditional turkey dinner with all the fixings the children will go to the air base theatre to see feature films and cartoons.

The Lakenheath and Mildenhall servicemen also will sponsor a party for sick and crippled children at Newmarket General Hospital.

At Scunthorpe air base on the same day 150 children will be guests of the U.S. Army's 30th Anti-aircraft Battalion and the 172nd Chemical Smoke Company.—Reuter.

Korea Seeds Growing At Kew Gardens

London, Dec. 2.

A British soldier in Korea, Staff-sergeant G. Moorcroft, collected 200 packets of seeds and sent them to the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew. Some of the seeds are growing: Sir Edward Salisbury, Director of the Gardens, said most of the seeds were of plants of botanical rather than horticultural interest.

He added, "Germinalia has been fairly good. Plants which have been grown to the flowering stage, mostly annuals, have been preserved as dried specimens for the herbarium."

"Seeds of trees and bulbous plants have not yet germinated but as they take a long time we may yet obtain plants."

The Select Committee's report dealt with Part II of the Acts—"Enlistment." Any earlier report, concerning Part II—"Billeting and impressment of carriages"—appeared a few months ago. The Committee are now tackling Part I—"Discipline"—Part IV—"General Provisions" covering courts-martial, detention, and pay, and Part V—"Applications of military law, saving provisions and definitions" in turn.

In its second report, the Committee states that in some cases parents of National Servicemen have complained to Members of Parliament because their sons had taken regular engagements without their consent. Although the Army and Air Councils were not in favour of this amendment, the Committee decided by four Labour votes to three Conservative that the removal of any ground for parental complaint was sufficiently important to require the alteration of the law.

It suggests, therefore, that parents or guardians should be given 28 days in which to send an objection to a man's Commanding Officer.

The proposed amendment of the law dealing with automatic penalties was carried in Committee by six votes to one. The Army and Air Councils told the Committee that any modification of the existing principle of automatic penalties, irrespective of the merits of the individual case, would be bound to be regarded as a weakening of the deterrents against desertion. But the Committee have now recommended that automatic forfeiture of service should be abolished and that courts-martial should be left free to award such forfeiture as they thought fit. In the case of a soldier who had signed a confession that he had been guilty of desertion or fraudulent enlistment, the competent military authority should have the same option.

MAXIMUM ENLISTMENT

No change was recommended in the present maximum period of enlistment of 22 years, after which a man can re-sign for a further period, but the Committee wants the minimum age for enlistment—seventeen and a half—to be stated in the Act, with powers to make exceptions for Gurkhas and other local enlistment abroad, and for the Royal Marines, in which the minimum age is 17.

Regarding brief engagements, the Army Council explained that it wished to make the present arrangements more flexible as regards service with the Colours and in the Reserve. The Committee decided not to pursue an inquiry into the advisability of giving boys, on reaching the age of 18, the right to apply for a discharge, but it recommends that the Army Act should provide (what is, in fact, the practice) that the consent of parents or guardians should be obtained before a boy is enlisted.

Another recommendation is that the details of a man's service as set out on the Certificate of Discharge should be amplified by the inclusion of more facts and details, which might be useful to a future employer.

DESERTIONS IN GERMANY

Berlin, Dec. 2.

The East German soldier today claimed for the second time in two days that an American soldier had deserted to their side.

The official Communist news agency gave his name as George Smith.

The agency yesterday reported the desertion to East Germany of Private Carl Thomas Blake, another United States soldier.

Last week three British soldiers applied for asylum in East Germany.

'Ike' Confers With Party Leaders



Mr Dwight D. Eisenhower, President-elect of the United States, holds the first post-election policy conference since his Georgia holiday and meets top Republicans Senator Styles Bridges (left) and Senator Robert Taft (right).—Express Photo.

Gen. Vandenberg Analyses Strength Of US Air Force

Washington, Dec. 2.

General Hoyt S. Vandenberg said today that the Air Force does not have enough reserve strength in Korea to fight a war of larger scope than the current conflict.

The Air Force Chief of Staff said at a news conference that the Air Force is stronger than it was a year ago. But if the decision were made to expand the Korean war he thought that the force would have to transfer units to the Far East from other important areas.

"Now we are in a much better position if the policy of the United States should involve the use of the Air Force somewhere other than Korea," General Vandenberg said. "But when you stick your head into

a hornet's nest you must have something to back it up. The back-up over there is surely not enough for an enlarged scope of war."

General Vandenberg recently made a tour of United States air bases around the world. He was not completely happy yet about the Air Force's strength but he was not alarmed.

The Communist air force in Korea out-numbered United States planes three to one. And, he added, the Communists had recently asked for a number of Russian-built jet light bombers to be added to their Far East forces.

In Korea, United Nations air power was being used to supplement artillery. During October, he added, only about 100 ammunition trucks reached the Communist front a night. United States planes destroyed 2,000 trucks and nearly 200 freight cars in October.

MOROCCAN BASES

"That is why the enemy's offensive efforts have been no better than spasmodic," the General added. "We prevent his getting sufficient material for a sustained drive."

General Vandenberg found that Air Force bases around the world needed more recreational facilities.

He defended the much-trilled air base programme in North Africa and asserted that it was not a failure. There had been expensive and serious mistakes at bases, he said, "but we can, should an emergency occur, use them for operations."

General Vandenberg said that Nationalist China was at present receiving more modern United States planes than formerly. He hoped that the modernisation of Chiang Kai-shek's air force could be speeded up a little more.

He praised the class, spirit and skill of the Turkish Air Force.

TURKS PRAISED

"When I arrived at Ankara," he told reporters, "the formation of jet fighters from the Turkish Air Force staged a fine exhibition of aerobatics. If the Turks pursue all phases of their flight training with the same enthusiasm, and I believe they will, their small group of highly skilled pilots will be ready to play an important role in defending their country should that be necessary."

General Vandenberg praised the Republic of Korea troops he saw in Korea recently.

"Of all people in the world who have made really great strides in combat effectiveness, the South Koreans stand out," he said. "They are tough, hardy and well-led."

He found that the Indian Air Force was led by capable and devoted men when he passed through that country recently. The force, he added, was primarily transport rather than a combat organisation.—United Press.

SCHACHT VISIT TO SYRIA

Hamburg, Dec. 2.

Hjalmar Schacht, Germany's roving financial adviser, said today he would possibly go to Syria in the near future by invitation.

A Karachi despatch said earlier today that the Pakistan Government has also asked Dr Schacht to give it economic advice. But Dr Schacht said he had received no invitation as yet.

'Brandy' Cause Of Deaths In East Germany

Berlin, Dec. 2.

Poisonous brandy provided at a "People's-owned" plant at Kottbus has caused a wave of deaths and blindness in the Soviet sector of Berlin, the West Berlin newspaper Der Tag reported today.

The sick were brought to the East sector's largest hospital, the Charité. The number was not given. The hospital is blocked off from Western contact, including telephone connections.

Der Tag, well-informed through its Church affiliation, said a number of "deaths" over the weekend were attributed to "brandy" made from denatured alcohol.—Associated Press.

Aiming At Chaos In Britain

Deakin's Accusation Against Reds

London, Dec. 2.

Mr Arthur Deakin, leader of 1,200,000 transport workers, declared today that the British Communist Party was busy trying to create chaos throughout industry.

"The Communists, having failed to gain support as a political party in the country, have directed all their efforts towards causing chaos and confusion in the workshop and factory," he wrote in the National and English Review, a monthly magazine.

Communists had fostered disputes on many issues that could have been settled by negotiation, and had exerted pressure for big wage demands, Mr Deakin said. Communists have for long exerted influence in Mr Deakin's own union, but since 1949 they have been forbidden to become union officials.

Communists and extreme Left-wingers are now trying to whip up strikes against the Conservative Government's plan to denationalise the State-run transport industry.

An unofficial group in the Transport Workers Union has called a mass meeting for December 13 to consider a resolution urging a transport strike within 21 days unless the Government abandons its plan.

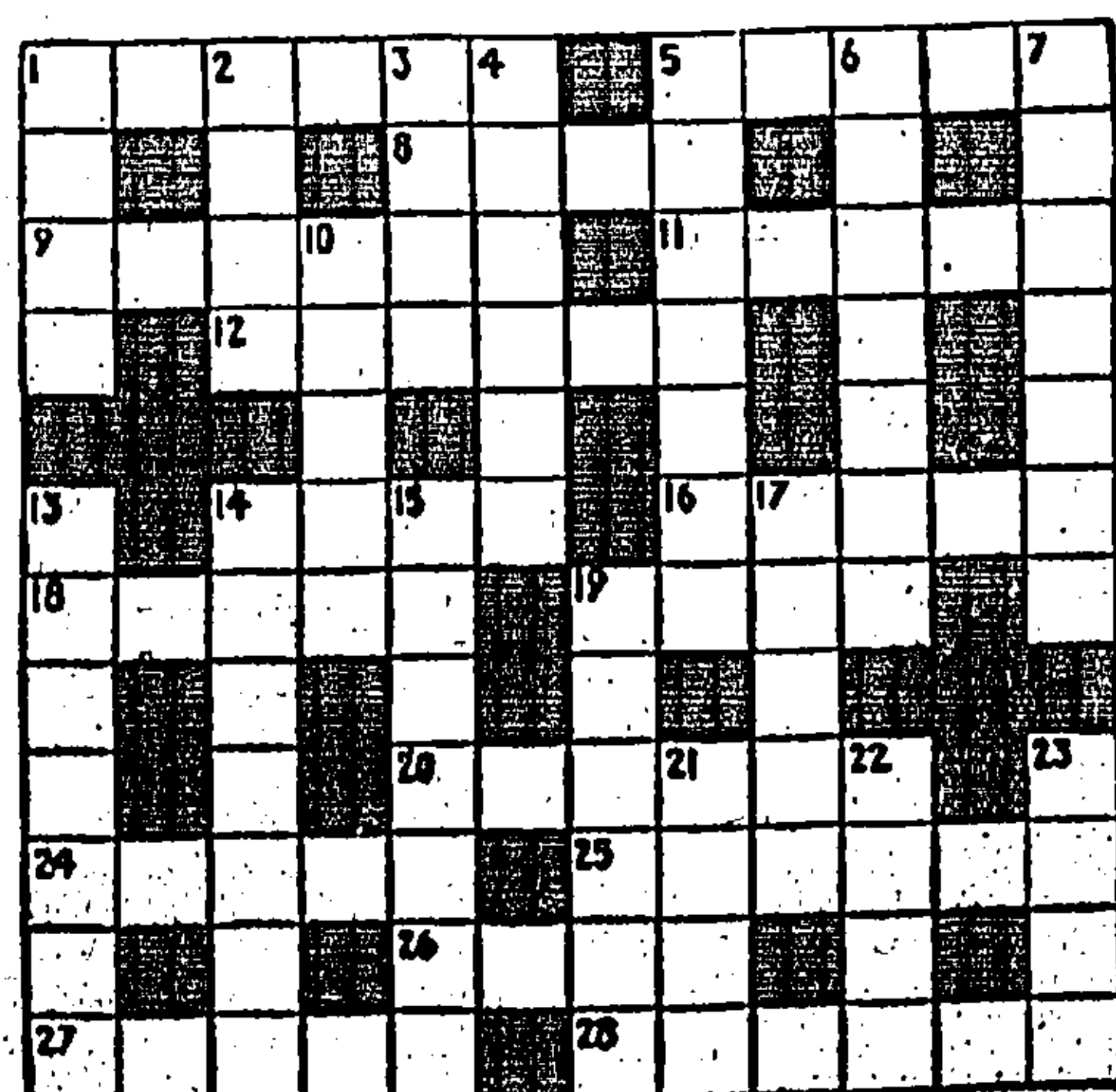
Mr Deakin and other union leaders oppose the denationalisation scheme, but union chiefs will resist any attempt at strike action.—Reuter.

Allied Forces' Badge

Izmir, Turkey, Dec. 2.

A badge and shoulder patch based on the national emblems of Greece and Turkey will be worn by the staff of Allied Forces Headquarters, Eastern Europe. General William H. Tunner, Allied Commander, said today.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS:
- Multitudes (6)
 - Dismal (5)
 - Besides (4)
 - Yellow-flowering plant (6)
 - Vandal (5)
 - Flock (4)
 - Distributed (6)
 - Residence (5)
 - Skin (4)
 - Bastille (6)
 - Bully (5)
 - Assert (4)
 - Perfume (5)
 - Stiffen (4)
- DOWN:
- Drain (4)
 - Objects (4)
 - Disorder (4)
 - Told off (6)
 - Lower (7)
 - Beg (7)
 - Taunts offence (7)
 - Lubricated (5)
 - Military displays (7)
 - Unfriendly (4)
 - Withdrawal (7)
 - Tree (5)
 - Hesitates (6)
 - SIR (4)
 - Adie (4)
 - Network (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1. Flags, 4. Crises, 5. Animals, 10. Abbe, 12. Mirror, 14. Convene, 17. Acre, 19. Clashes, 20. Multitude, 22. Alan, 23. Rations, 27. Recess, 28. Affre, 30. Extra, 31. Enfold, 32. Enemy. Down: 1. France, 2. Allen, 3. Spurns, 6. Ruler, 8. Search, 9. Seance, 11. Sincere, 13. Goals, 15. Retains, 16. Oval, 18. Vainer, 19. Rain, 20. Manage, 21. Tardis, 24. Issue, 25. Lumpy, 26. Beady, 28. Call.

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WHAT IS THE TRUTH ABOUT THE GUARDS?

WHAT is the truth about the Guards? There is, of course, no question that they deserve their great reputation.

We who served in the Infantry of the Line had our own pride and loyalties. But we would always have expected a Guards battalion to do most things just that little bit better than ourselves.

And, for an operation, we had more confidence in a Guards unit than any we did not already know.

They were dependable. One felt all the braver for knowing this as soon as the guns began to fire.

Severe test

ASK the Gunners and Sappers or the men of the R.A.S.C. and R.A.M.C. who served in the Guards Division in the two world wars. Which of them, after that experience, would wish to join any other?

No one would deny that the fighting qualities of the Guards are superb. But Mr Wyatt asserts that these magnificent troops are commanded by officers whose efficiency is below that of other regiments.

How could this be? For anyone with any experience of life knows that the standard in any organisation is set by those at its head. Good results can never be obtained without the best of leadership.

Under fire, the test is severe. At times, the difference between sticking it and running away is narrow as a thread. Some officers and N.C.O.s are hit. One man loses his nerve. He cries: "This is murder. I'm getting out," and he can take 50 others with him.

It is confidence and pride, with discipline and training, that carry troops through a sticky action. Pride of regiment and confidence that they have been launched into the battle with a high degree of professional skill.

Yesterday, former Under-Secretary for War Woodrow Wyatt, M.P., described the Brigade of Guards as "the last entrenched stronghold of privilege and snobbery in the British Army." Here is a sober rebuttal from a fellow M.P. who commanded a battalion of Gordon Highlanders.

By MARTIN LINDSAY
C.B.E., D.S.O., M.P.

Plainly it is nonsense to suggest that the Guards achieve what they do with sub-standard officers.

Everyone who knows the British Army will tell you that Guards officers are good. So it is that any body of troops welcomes the news that a Guards general or staff officer has been posted to them. For they can be sure he knows his job.

How do the Guards keep up the standard? More young men want to be commissioned in the Brigade than in other units. The Colonels can afford to accept only those with very good reports.

The rejects

IT is the Line regiments which take the Guards' rejects, not the other way round. Cadets for regular commissions go through Sandhurst. The staff there will testify to the quality of those destined for the Brigade.

National Service Infantry, R.A.S.C., R.E.M.E. and R.A.O.C. cadets qualify at an O.C.T.U. Those from the five Foot Guards regiments are, of course, in the minority. Yet of the 12 present intake, four of the five Under Officers are Guards cadets. It is no coincidence. For, on the whole, the Guards get the best.

Yet Mr Wyatt writes: "The qualifications for the Guards closed shop are a family association with a Guards regiment and enough private means..."

"Time, Gentlemen, Please..."

By J. W. TAYLOR

THIS year is the 400th anniversary of the Act of Parliament which gave local justices the power to license or close public houses. Those were early days which saw a larger number of "ale houses" than was thought reasonable, and justices in many parts of Britain used the new Act to close quite a number of them by refusing to grant a licence.

Twenty-five years later the "trade" had another shock when there was published an order in Council whereby Parliament arranged a compulsory census of public houses in order that they should be specially taxed to help repair the "decayed haven of Dover."

The passage of time has seen increased responsibilities shouldered by landlords in the proper management of their establishments and a rising of the standard as to character and capacity necessary to the operation of a licence.

The work of temperance associations and reformers has had its effect in this direction and in the matter of the licensing of proposed new premises, as apart from the reconstruction of old ones. Nowadays only in the new towns is there any real likelihood of this happening.

Time and the ravages of war have removed many historic British Inns, including Mr Pickwick's George and Vulture in London's Lombard Street, although many curious ones still remain. In London there is the "Hole in the Wall," which actually has an unusual hole in a wall for its entrance.

Dorset's famous Inn at Godmanstone was originally a blacksmith's forge and has not since been enlarged, so that it easily holds the title of Britain's smallest pub.

One of the most unusual is the Castle, for it is a pinshop as well as an Inn. This special licence was granted by George IV after the landlord had lent the King money on his watch to pay a gambling debt.

means are no longer essential and many Guards officers have none.

It is true that these officers all come from public schools. The British public schools have no special claim to turn out good surgeons, lawyers, or engineers. But there are two professions for which they excel themselves: Colonial administrators and Service officers.

Both these require two qualifications which these schools develop to a special degree: toughness and leadership.

The boy of 13 who is summoned before the prefects for a misdemeanour is toughened at right. At an early age he learns to take the hard knocks of life on the chin.

And when, a few years later, he shares in the responsibility of running the school he gains in self-confidence. So when he trains to be an officer he has at least already learned how to give an order.

The toughening process is continued through potential officers' training. Those who should visit the Guards Depot at Caterham. The young Guards cadet, serves an infinitely more rigorous apprenticeship than any other.

On one occasion this year three of them, including a young cadet, received ten on the backside from their squad sergeant's cane.

"Privilege" indeed! These young men would die of shame before making a complaint.

The supreme test of troops is how they conduct themselves in defeat. In the retreat to Dunkirk in 1940 and the shambles of Norway many regiments fought well. But others, with memories of men casting away their arms, would prefer to forget that period.

Through all these desperate days the discipline of the Guards shone like a beacon. Seven rear-guard actions across Belgium and France did not stop a Grenadier battalion from maintaining its equipment—and it is said that the one man who failed to do so was put under arrest at Dover!

In formation

THE Coldstream marched into the inferno of Dunkirk in formation.

The defence of Arras by the Welsh Guards, after others had broken, is a glorious story. So is the stand of the Irish Guards near Narvik, commanded by the junior captain after all those senior to him had been killed.

The three Services are rightly proud of their corps d'élite: the Royal Navy of its crack ships; the R.A.F. of the Pathfinder Force, and the Army of its Brigade of Guards.

And no one will resent an attack upon their officers more than the men who have themselves served in those magnificent regiments—the Household Cavalry, the Grenadier, Coldstream, Scots, Irish, and Welsh Guards.

Nathaniel Gubbins

—THAT HOME GUARD
ONCE AGAIN...

Until the corporals took the place, advancing from the east.

Ideal job

MR WILLIAM SEED, who once edited a newspaper in Addis Ababa, writes that, after a six months' battle with the Government censor, he finally resigned when the authorities decided that "we should publish no news and articles, though advertisements and a few pictures are allowed."

As this is the kind of job I have been looking for all my life, I herewith offer my services to Emperor Haile Selassie, the Lion of Judah, who appears to be responsible for all the important appointments in Ethiopia.

Under my editorship, the morning conference with the staff would begin at midday and end five minutes later, when we would all go home.

"Any ads?" I would ask the advertising manager. "Enough to fill the paper except for two columns six inches deep on the front page."

"Any pictures?" I would ask the art editor. "The same old block of the Lion of Judah wearing a bowler hat and carrying an umbrella. 'Fine,' I would say. 'That will fill the hole on the front page.'"

Then I would turn to the news editor and say: "No news, I hope?"

"Not much," he would answer, "except that Stalin has been shot dead."

"Fancy that," I would say, "what else?"

"Well, China's been sunk under a tidal wave. Estimated death toll, 400,000,000."

"Don't be tedious and trivial," I would answer irritably. "Anything more?"

"According to a reliable report, the earth has gone off its course and we are approaching the sun at 1,000,000 miles a minute."

"I thought it was getting hot," I would reply, yawning. "Anybody coming out to lunch?"

Countryman's diary

AUTUMN leaves, some golden brown, some bright as burnished copper, have fallen softly, silently in the country lane to form a carpet as wet and sloppy as a paste of porridge.

Heavy rain clouds move slowly across the lozen sky. In the turnip field there are pools as big as miniature lakes. In the meadow, unhappy cows stand ankle deep in water.

Tiny rivers hurry along the gutters, carrying with them swollen cigarette ends, orange peel, and here and there a banana skin thrown away by some lucky, banana-fed child at the village school.

In the misty, moisture-laden air there is almost complete silence except for the small, complaining voices of chaffinches, robins, and hedge sparrows given from their little flooded homes, the cow, cow, cow of rooks circling aimlessly round the tall tree in the wood, the drip, drip, drip of the rain, and the squeal, squeal, squeal of the enormous feet of old Mr Gargle as he tramps through the mud, muttering about the Government.

Without warning, the rain clouds are parted as if giant hands had drawn aside the curtains in the windows of the sky.

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New York.
ACROSS the frontiers of America have gone nearly 800 gold bricks, worth more than £3,000,000.

They are from the U.S. Government's gold hoard buried in a square two-story building with a steel door one yard thick in Fort Knox, Kentucky.

From April a year ago until last July gold from all over the world kept piling up in the vault of chilled, cool-proof steel, protected by a water-filled moat, a steel fence, poison gas chambers, and an electronic alarm system. Now it is outward bound again for three reasons: 1. Increased U.S. military and economic aid overseas; 2. Increased investment and loan capital abroad; 3. Fewer foreign purchases of American goods.

To get the gold out of the vaults three U.S. Treasury men used three separate combinations to unlock the steel door in each other's presence.

The gold that has gone is only a drop of what remains in the shelves of steel compartments for underground. The guardians of the treasure still have more than 1,600,000 bricks in hand.

FOR five weeks Hollywood, and the whole South Californian coast has lain under a pall of smog (a combination of fog and smoke from Los Angeles chimneys). Farmers have lost about \$175,000 on their fruit and vegetable crops.

IN Hartford, Connecticut, the schoolboard has voted 6-3 not to allow Paul Robeson to sing in the high school hall. The board acted not because they think he is a Red, but because a Left-wing group got a permit to use the hall by concealing the fact that it would have Robeson on the programme.

At times change. Jimmie Rhoads has been involved with the bear claws, neckties and deer tail headresses of Chief of the Lower Red Indians in Kansas. No brave with bow and arrow in Jimmie. He is a 47-year-old half-back in his high school football team. To hall the new chief, tenor John White Eagle sang a song. And what do you suppose he sang? "My Wild Irish Rose."

TALLULAH BARKHEAD was asked to do the TV role of Belle Davis in the film "All About Eve," supposed to be a likeness of Miss Barkhead. Now the plan is to have Tallulah be herself in a stage show called "A Night with Tallulah." The idea is inspired by "An Evening with Beatrice Lillie," one of Broadway's brightest new hits.

The wintry sun touches the garbage heap of the Old Farm with a golden glory. A sudden wind shakes the naked, shivering trees whose bare branches, overhanging the lane, shake a deluge of rainwater down the neck of old Mr Gargle.

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As suddenly, too, the quiet of the countryside is shattered by oaths so loud and so violent that the voices of the birds are shocked into silence, the startled cows stampede across the meadow, and angry mothers call their children home, banging their cottage doors in the face of the blasphemous centurians as he makes his way towards the village inn.

New saws for old

"Although only one old weather saw, or prophecy," said a man at morning breakfast, "warning is acknowledged to be correct by meteorologists; country boys, however, still believe in the infallibility of them."

Letter to a newspaper.

THEREFORE they shall have some more, equally infallible:—

January: snows, cold in nose.

February: rain; same again.

March: winds blow, how do you do?

If April: freeze, sneeze, sneeze, sneeze.

From in May, in bed all day.

If June is bleak, in bed a week.

July: blizzards, chill on glands.

August: shivers, chill on liver.

September: rough, cough, cough, cough.

October: snow, blow, blow, blow.

November: black, black, black, black.

December: glum, glum, glum, glum.

And if, chum, chum, chum, chum.

—London Express Service

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Use Give-Up Play With Discretion

By OSWALD JACOBY

ONE of the most familiar plays in bridge is the "give-up" play. Its technique is very simple. You simply allow the opponents to defeat you.

Naturally I don't recommend this play, but it would be foolish to ignore the fact that practically all players make use of this play more often than they should. In today's hand South finally made the give-up play instead of fighting for his contract.

West opened the five of diamonds, and declarer tried to finesse dummy's jack. East won with the king of diamonds and returned the ten. West

NORTH (D) 11
 ♠ AKQ84
 ♥ K2
 ♦ A3
 ♣ AJ7

WEST
 ♠ J72
 ♥ A73
 ♦ Q852
 ♣ 85

EAST
 ♠ 953
 ♥ J1054
 ♦ K107
 ♣ Q62

SOUTH
 ♠ 106
 ♥ Q886
 ♦ 64
 ♣ K10943

Neither side vul.

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 N.T. Pass

2 N.T. Pass 2 Pass Pass

Opening lead—♦ 5

carefully played the queen of diamonds on the second trick to make sure of being able to continue the suit.

When West was allowed to hold the second trick with the queen of diamonds, he continued with the nine of diamonds, forcing out dummy's ace.

Now declarer had to find a way to make nine tricks. He decided that even the queen broke 4-3, he would still need the club finesse or a heart trick. He decided to establish a heart trick at once in the hope that East had the ace of hearts, or that each opponent had four diamonds.

West naturally pounced on the king of hearts with his ace, and set declarer humbly by running the first of the diamonds. South had made the give-up play, and deceived exactly what he got.

The correct play is to run the spade after losing the ace of diamonds. West is practically compelled to align with first the seven of hearts and then the five of hearts. This warns declarer that the ace of hearts is held by West.

South can also feel sure that West began a five-card diamond suit. If East held four diamonds, headed by the king, he would have returned his fourth-best diamond at the second trick. Instead of the ten of diamonds, by this time therefore, South knows that West began with five diamonds, three or more hearts, and three smaller cards. Therefore, South may not even have two clubs and may not even have that many. South should therefore continue by cashing the ace of clubs, and leading the jack through East for a finesse. This line of play would, of course, fulfil the contract.

CARD SENSE

Q.—The bidding has been:
 South West North East
 1 Heart 2 Spades 3 Spades Pass

You, South, hold: Spades K-2, Hearts A-K-Q-3-2, Diamonds 8-5, Clubs Q-9-6. What do you do?

A.—Did three hearts. You cannot pass, since North's bid is forcing for hearts. You cannot raise spades or diamonds, and you cannot bid no-trump with so little strength in the suit. All you can do is to rebid your strong six-card suit.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-2, Hearts A-K-Q-3-2, Diamonds 8-5, Clubs Q-9-6. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

INTELLIGENCE TEST

Talent-spotter

By T. O. HARE

OFFSIDE RANGERS (as you may have heard) are in danger of extinction. Their manager, Mr. Kickshaw, has been on a talent-spotting tour.

"I have visited four centres of good football," he wrote the other day to the chairman of the FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION and SUMMATION. The results of my tour may surprise you.

Mr. Kickshaw, anxious to keep his name in the news, has scribbled the names of four of our largest cities. Can you say what these four cities are?

(Solution on Page 10)

DUMB-BELLS



BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

MATHEMATICIANS have computed that the odds on a mistake being made in Charlie Suet's filing system are six to four.

The system is so elaborate that the trained secretaries say they would rather have all letters and documents placed in a hat and shuffled than go through the business of what Suet calls preliminary selective classification of categories. A letter from a Mrs. Dunsell about an allocation of processed felt, which should have been filed under A for felt, then moved to B for processed. Suet then ruled it should be under D for Dunsell, in a copy under M for Mrs. For some reason it was finally filed under W, from which ridiculous letter it was rescued by a puzzled secretary.

Suet for method
 BUSINESS men have asked in what lies the supposed superiority of Suet's system over any other. Sir Geoffrey Spade, of the Marsh and Pawcett Gasous Bye-Products Co., said of a reply he received to this question that it might as well have

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

BORN today, there are contradictory characteristics in your nature which make you rather easily misunderstood. Although you have tact and kindness, deep down in your nature you are a bit of a dominator and impatient if your will is crossed. You abhor monotonous and dull work, and will suddenly flare out into a burst of unexpected activity which astounds your co-workers who may have thought of you as a calm, unimaginative worker.

Actually, you have a very lively imagination, some inventiveness and not a little creative talent in the arts. You will, of course, be happiest in some kind of work which gives you an opportunity to express this "creative" nature. If thrust into routine desk work,

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Take time out to clear your desk up if it is cluttered with a little here and busy lately.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Perhaps you can repay in kind a favour which was done to you some time ago. Offer your help.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—All work is bad for anyone. Take time out tonight for a little recreation to lighten the ledger books.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Hate can cause an accident today. Be wary if handling mechanical or electrical equipment.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Unless you are very sure of your ground, it may be better not to get involved in talking politics.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Discuss business matters and financial plans with someone who may be able to make a good suggestion.

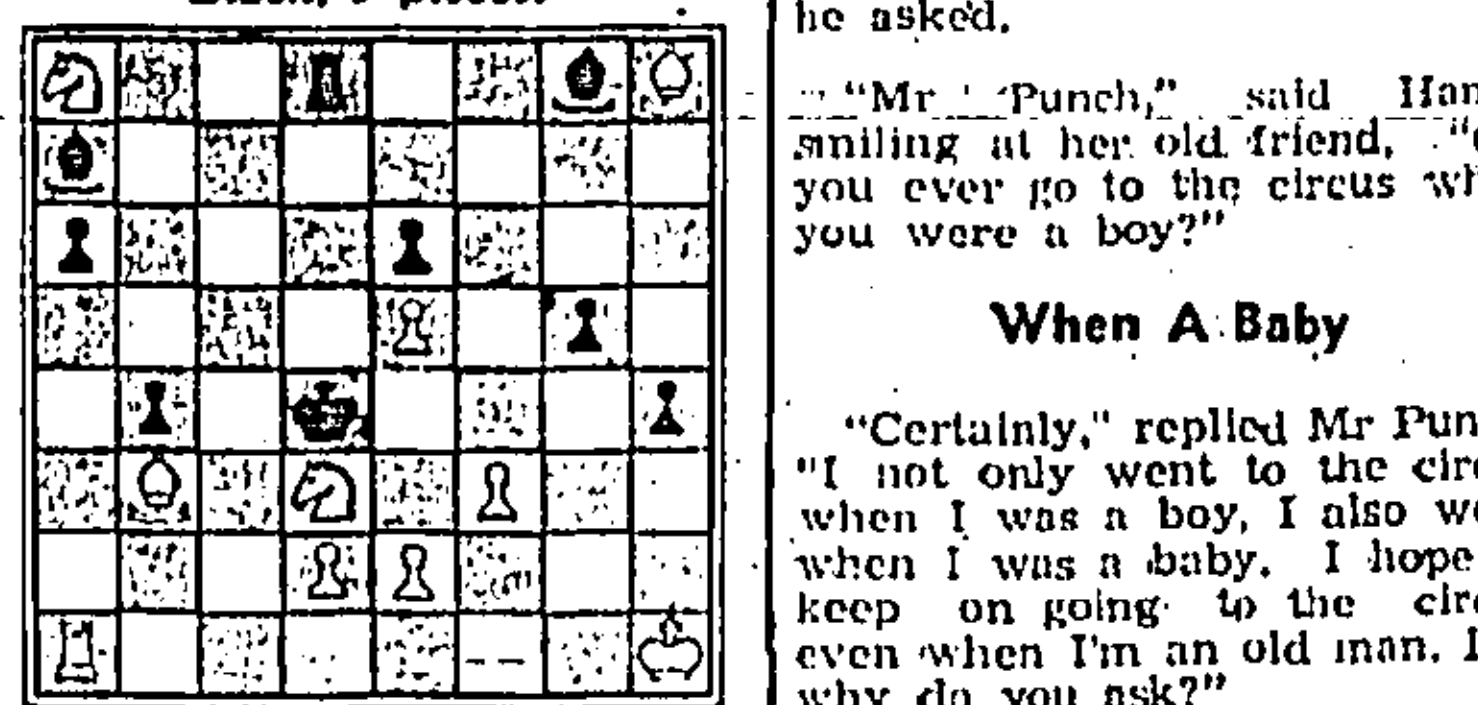
GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Think everything over very carefully before making any final decision. Temperate.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—It is time for a family conference. Take them into your confidence over budget matters.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—An excellent day to make a start on your Christmas shopping. You should find exactly what you want.

CHESS PROBLEM

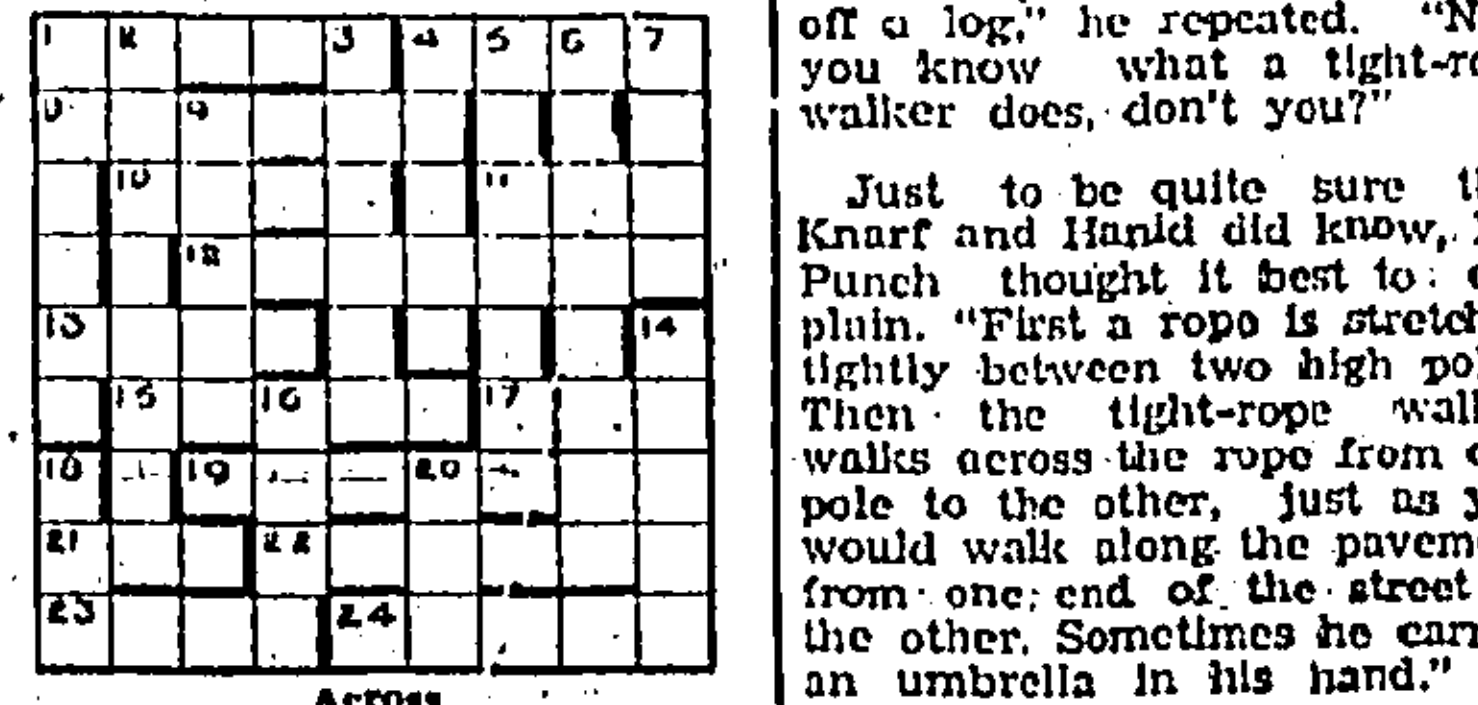
By J. BUCHWALD
 Black, 9 pieces.



White, 10 pieces.
 White to play: mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:
 1. P-K18 (=Kt), any; 2. R, or Kt mates.

CROSSWORD



- Across
 1. Closely connected with Bow. (5)
 2. Leader of the arts? (4)
 3. About a boy—the sense. (6)
 4. From his laboratory. (5)
 5. Part of that wretched feeling. (3)
 6. Bodily. (7)
 7. Next Camilla, reverend sire went footing. (Milton). (4)
 8. Excessive. (5)
 9. It's bad in the rough. (3)
 10. Impulsion in the boy-voyager. (3)
 11. Wild geese in flight. (6)
 12. Or dog or tree? (4)
 13. The rise of tobacco? (6)
 14. Down
 1. Of stage, screen or canvas? (6)
 2. Bread? (4)
 3. You never will if you are 2. (6)
 4. Alternative in three directions of sound. (5)
 5. Create dirt in a silly way. (7)
 6. The first of the four. (4)
 7. You can't tell on any who 4. (4)
 8. Sounds like the cry of the chest. (4)
 9. A penny on. 4. Down would (4)
 10. Elephant tooth. (4)
 11. On the way out. (3)
 12. Spoke of the sea madam. (3)
 13. Solution of yesterday's puzzle. (3)
 14. From the land of the living. (3)
 15. A great old house. (4)
 16. A railway. (3)
 17. A village. (4)
 18. A place. (4)
 19. A place. (4)
 20. A place. (4)

AHOY!

American sailors inspire a fashion

THIS jacket, named the "Matelot," recalls the American sailors' jacket. It is double breasted and has a loose fitting bell at the back. It is made in materials suitable for wear over straight-fitting town skirts or country tweeds. In hip sizes ranging from 36in. to 42in., it is available in emerald, cherry, violet, grey, heaver, camel, navy and brown overcheck at £6.



Baby-Talk

★ WANNA TO MAKE something of it?

Humphrey Bogart calls Lauren Bacall "Baby." Mr Roosevelt called Mrs Roosevelt "Babs." Harry Truman calls Margaret "My Baby." And a London Express Service reporter heard from Washington that Mamie's pet name for Ike is....

"Baby."

London Express Service

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Mr Punch, Tight-Rope Walker

—He Says It's as Easy as Falling Off a Log!

By MAX TRELL

"MR PUNCH," said Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, "Mr Punch! Wake up!" Mr Punch, who had been taking his usual after-dinner-before-supper snooze, opened his eyes reluctantly. (Reluctantly meant he didn't feel much like opening them but he opened them anyway). "W-what is it?" he asked.

"Mr. Punch," said Hanid, smiling at her old friend, "did you ever go to the circus when you were a boy?"

When A Baby

"Certainly," replied Mr Punch. "I not only went to the circus when I was a boy, I also went when I was a baby. I hope to keep on going to the circus even when I'm an old man. But why do you ask?"

"Because Knarf and I would like to know if it's hard to be a tight-rope walker."

Much to the surprise of Knarf and Hanid, Mr Punch said, "It's easy, my dear, easy as falling off a log." Having said this, he started to go to sleep again. But Knarf and Hanid both shook him. "Yep... easy as falling off a log," he repeated. "Now you know what a tight-rope walker does, don't you?"

Just to be quite sure that Knarf and Hanid did know, Mr Punch thought it best to explain. "First a rope is stretched tightly between two high poles. Then the tight-rope walker walks across the rope from one pole to the other. Just as you would walk along the pavement from one end of the street to the other. Sometimes he carries an umbrella in his hand."

Helps Him Balance

"No. The umbrella is just to help him balance himself. He waves it from side to side when he feels he is beginning to fall. Ah, that just reminds me," Mr Punch said suddenly, "I once decided to be a tight-rope walker."

"This was surprising news, and Knarf and Hanid were eager to know more about it."

"It happened," Mr Punch said, "right after I had been to the circus. I decided then and there to practise walking on a rope so that I could become a tight-rope walker and get a job with the circus. Well, first I practised walking on my sister's jumping rope. But she took it away from me."

"She did, Mr Punch!" said Knarf. "Why did she?"

"She didn't want me walking on her jumping rope. So I looked around for another rope. I soon found it, right in our own back yard."

"What kind of rope was it, Mr Punch?"

"It was my mother's clothesline rope. It was nice and high off the ground, too. But I had no sooner started to walk across it, than my mother came out and ordered me to get off!"

"Why?"

"She said she wanted her clothesline rope for hanging her clothes on, not for me to go walking on. So I had to look around again for another rope. It wasn't easy. I went down to the harbour where the ships were and found a rope holding a ship to a dock. But when I



"I went to the circus when I was a baby," said Mr. Punch.

tried to walk on it, the captain of the ship chased me away. He said the rope was for keeping the ship from floating away, not for me. And then I found a cowboy with a rope. But he said his rope was for lassoing and not for walking. So I couldn't find any rope to practise on."

"And that's why you never became a tight-rope walker with a circus?" said Knarf.

Quite Thin

"Well, that's just about the reason. As a matter of fact, I did finally get myself a sort of rope to practise on. It was quite thin. It hung between our fence and the cellar window. It was left there by a spider. I used to walk up and down it, balancing myself with my grandmother's umbrella. It wasn't very hard once I got used to doing it."

"But when I went to the circus and told them that I could walk on a spider's web and that I wanted to be a tight-rope walker, they just laughed at me, and wouldn't give me a job. They said a tight-rope walker had to walk on a rope, not on a spider's web."

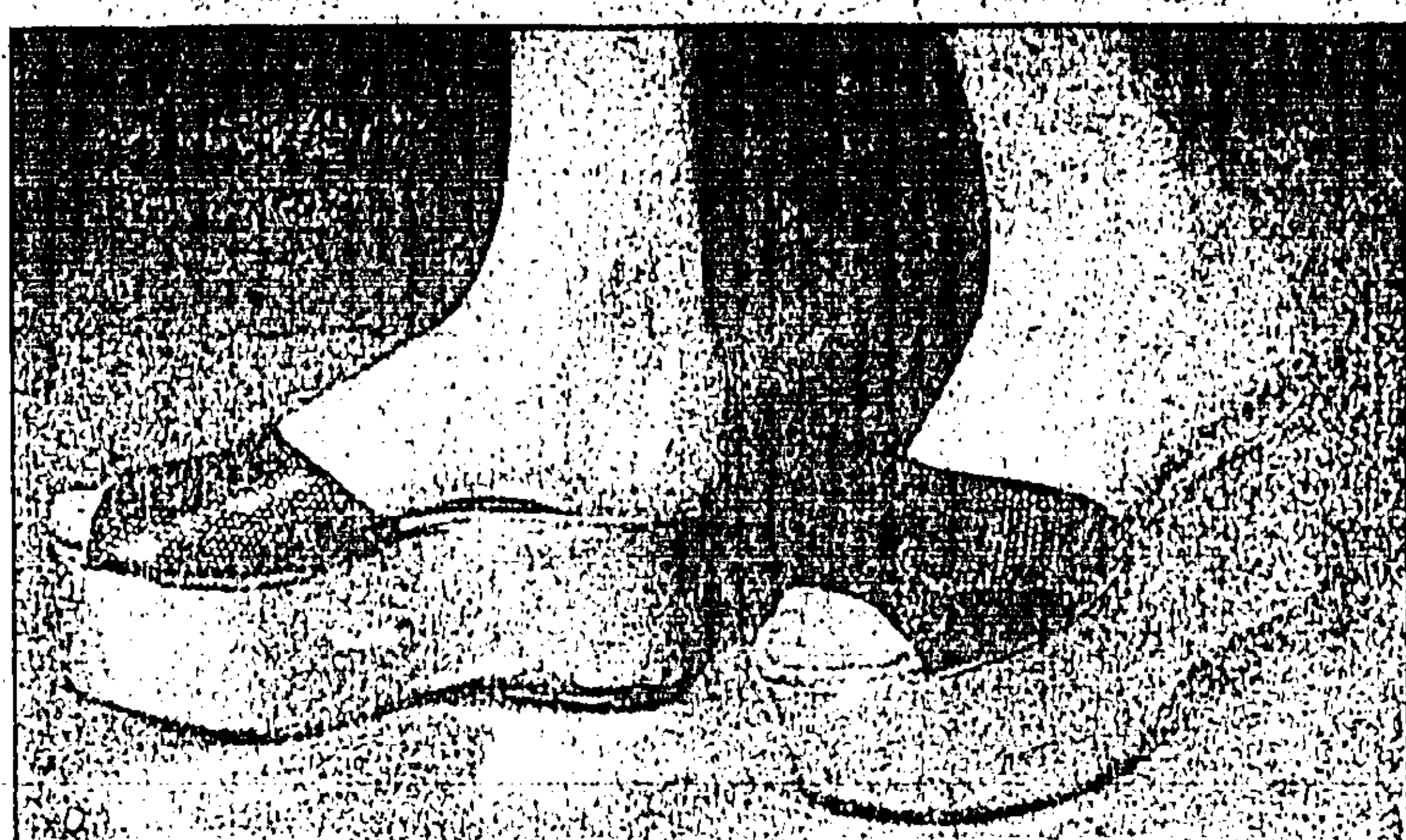
Rupert and the Windwhistle—32



Soon there is the sound of footsteps and a guard returns bringing Bill and his wife with him. The two friends look very grim and are shivering. "Cheer up," says Rupert. "You'll soon be smiling again." King Frost has given us a new walk for Jack and

Don't forget your

Rupert Annual



New Styles platform soles in gold kid and with nylon mesh band over foot is one of the Coronation year footwear styles shown at the Shoe and Leather Fair at Earl's Court recently.

JEWELLERY MAGIC

where one piece becomes a wardrobe

By GAY PAULEY

New York. Judith McCann, who built a post-war business on her invention of a unique earring, now has produced more jewellery magic.

Mrs McCann, a one-time advertising executive, has invented a piece of jewellery which can become a whole wardrobe of ornaments. It can be worn as a clip, a bracelet, a necklace, a belt, a hair ornament or what have you, simply by adjustment of something she calls the "shuvon"—pronounced with the accent on the last syllable.

"That's fractured French for 'Shove on,'" said Mrs McCann.

At first glance, the jewellery looks like a single, double or triple strand of beads, with one or two medallions attached. The secret lies under the medallion.

On the back of each there's a wire hook. Shove that onto the strand, or strands, of beads, and it stays where it is put. The medallions are detachable, and can be worn as clips on a purse, a belt, or at the neckline of a dress.

"We've already figured out 16 different ways a woman can wear a strand," said Mrs McCann, as she wound 36 inches of turquoise and baroque pearl beading into a cuff-like bracelet.

The result was the Wingback fastener—a wire which is bent to fit comfortably inside, and at the same time wind behind the ear for additional security. She patented the fastener and started selling it to earring manufacturers. A little over a year ago, Mrs McCann started making the earrings to go with the fastener.

The convertible necklaces resulted when she was looking for a strand of beads which could be worn tight or loose at the neck.

"Those adjustable ones left beads dangling down the back," she said. "I felt the same way, you'd feel with a string hanging to your collar." — United Press.

WIRE DID TRICK

Mrs McCann, a native of Trenton, N.J., invented the "shuvon" the same way she invented the earring which hangs from the cartilage instead of clipping or screwing to the ear lobe.

"I just tucked an idea in the back of my mind and let it germinate," she said.

The earring, which is similar to any other except for the fastener, came about when she bought square chunks of aquamarine for conversion. A jeweller told her the stones were too heavy to hang to the lobe, so she started bending wires to fit inside the ear.

CHRISTMAS Gifts THAT ARE SURE TO PLEASE

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

SIXTH RACE MEETING 1952/53

Saturday, 6th and Saturday, 13th December, 1952

(Hold under the Rules of The Hong Kong Jockey Club)

On the 1st Day the First Race will be rung at 1 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m.

On the 2nd Day the First Race will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2 p.m.

There are 9 races on the 1st Day and 8 races on the 2nd Day (17 in all).

Through Tickets (17 Races—\$34.00) also tickets at \$2.00 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Peace Memorial Cup Sweep" scheduled to be run on 24th January, 1953, may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road.

Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 5th December, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at—

5 D'Almeida Street, Hong Kong

or

382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

TOTALISATOR

The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules—

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies so declared by the Stewards when the "All Clear" is given. The "All Clear" signal will be indicated by a white light at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.

Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later.

Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once Investors have left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Counters on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Alexandra House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptrol Office will close at 10.30 a.m. on the 1st Day and at 11 a.m. the 2nd Day. The Secretary's Office will close at 11.15 a.m. the 1st Day and at 11.45 a.m. the 2nd Day. The Treasurers' Comptrol Office is situated at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3.00 per day including tax for all persons including Ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Member's Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

Don't Shoot The Manager—He's Doing His Best

Says STANLEY CULLIS

(Manager of Wolverhampton Wanderers)

Come right in Mr Soccer Fan. So you think you would do well as a manager? Well maybe you would like to know just what kind of job you are taking on. The chances are that you might even change your mind.

And let us get this straight. I am not speaking just for myself. My football work is duplicated by almost every other manager. There may be different ideas at different clubs, but the routine chores are pretty much the same.

Where are we, then? Today is Wednesday. All right, we'll start from today and take you through the normal week in a manager's life. Excuse me while I deal with this mail, reply to the urgent letters, and then we will look over the team training.

All teams report for training. We managers have to make sure that any faults in play, any weaknesses are corrected in training. It is obviously useless to give every player the same training. This, my friend Mr Soccer Fan, is a full and exacting morning's work.

It could be a high-powered dash to watch some Army or

HAF unit game. Essential journey this with so much potential talent among the Service youngsters.

Or it may be an afternoon drudge over the desk replying to scout reports, studying recommendations from junior clubs—a highly important point this—arranging the agenda for the evening board meeting. Should be through by about 9 p.m.

Thursday: It is a full day of training, still office routine to cope with, swotting up the strength, weaknesses, and tactics of the team you meet on Saturday. And then team talk with comments, suggestions from players.

Evenings take in talks to junior clubs, serving on local committees such as the King George VI Playing Fields Funds. We managers can always bet on having some evening date.

Friday: A headache day, ringing up for the releases of Service players, planning placements if they cannot get away. This may involve juggling with any of the six teams due to play on Saturday.

You have your training room talk, decide what to do about doubtful players. And don't forget that office-deck is still calling. Friday night is, we hope, the night off, and this is a command performance with orders from home, but even this has to be missed if you have to make a long overnight journey.

Saturday: Check up of all teams, maybe a long train trip, but always that nerve-racking 90 minutes which tell you if your plans were right or wrong.

Maybe an injury upsets the play. Most of us would rather play than have to watch. This is the thing that really gives us grey hairs. Finishing time is around six unless we are away. Then it can be any old time.

Sunday: No day of rest this. Down to the ground to check on casualties. Take in reports from trainers on the progress of the junior teams, make a note of any outstanding improvement. Receive the more urgent advice from scouts. Could mean an afternoon dash to sign some much-wanted junior.

Monday: Off we go again. That desk is piled with weekend mail. Routine is prepared: training plans, special courses for young players, suggest corrective exercises for star men. This is the day, we hope, we might be able to sneak off for an afternoon at golf. Yes, I said we hope.

Tuesday: Another desk-load. We try out moves in soccer boots after the soft-shoe training of the Monday schedule. Afternoon: It is a 10-a-side game with stoppages to correct errors, point out advantages. There is that wretched phone calling you all the way across the desk. It may be trivial, it may be the way to a new star. But it must be answered.

Tuesday night is youngsters' night and we get a kick out of the enthusiasm and eagerness of the boys who have their eyes on soccer stardom. Looks as though this is where we came in, back at Wednesday already. Oh, don't go yet.

IN BETWEEN

In between you have to deal with players who are dissatisfied, with wives who want a house like Mrs So-and-So, who want decorations or repairs, deciding whether to sell a player, wondering whether buying a new player might upset the man who holds the job down.

It is not so simple as so many of you think: If I were manager I would buy Trevor Ford, Tom Finney, Billy Wright, Roy Bentley and so on.

Of course we all would (a) if we had the cash; (b) if their clubs will part; (c) if the players will move; (d) if their wives will agree to move.

And believe me those wives have a big say in football. So you see, Mr Soccer Fan, being a manager is not all cigars and gold watch-chains.

(London Express Service)

FEATHERWEIGHT ELIMINATOR

London, Dec. 2. Freddie King, 125½ pounds, outpointed the Scottish Featherweight Champion, Tommy Miller, 120½ pounds, in the 12-round final eliminator to challenge for Ronnie Gray's British Featherweight title at the Express Hall before a crowd of 10,000. United Press.

NEVER A DULL MOMENT



Stan Cullis, of Wolverhampton Wanderers, explains in the accompanying article some of the problems that go to make up the life of a football manager.

George Whiting's Column

"Split" Waterman Threatens To Change Two Wheels For Four

Four wheels for two...motorcars for motorcycles. Such is the sport-change threatened by Mr Squire Waterman—known to the speedway cognoscenti as "Split."

The enthusiasts of Harringay can no longer be assured that next season will offer them a further chapter of those dust-round-the-corner excitements provided so colourfully these last two years by the perkiest Cockney in the business.

Waterman, nursing several kinds of grievances against the Speedway Control Board ("I do not like them, and I don't care who knows it. Twice they messed me about over the match race championship, and again over the world championship"), declines to put a date on his retirement. But, having listened to the pungent Waterman vocabulary, I forecast that his good-bye-for-ever will be confirmed at Christmas.

ORIGINAL MACHINE. Squire Split is some 30 years old. He has sold most of his gear. All he has kept in his garage at New Malden is the original machine with which he started racing nearly six years ago, and one other.

If there is to be any sport in the Waterman future it is likely to be speedway on the continent. ("They give you a square deal over there") and car racing in England ("I've played around with it with a pal of mine"). Money? The Harringay Hero considers that a top speedway figure of, say, £2,500 per year is no great emolument in a sport that has cost him fractures of legs, ribs, wrist and thumb, removal of part of his stomach, three spells of concussion, loss of teeth and several lacerations of eyes and nose.

War-wounded Waterman has come a long way on cinders since, nearly seven years ago, he helped to build a speedway track from the ashes of Vesuvius while serving with REME.

LESS EXPLOSIVE. At 30, he goes back to the more prosaic, equally profitable, less explosive, and much less painful business of tool-making, which he served seven years' apprenticeship, and the running of his own sheet metal concern.

The terraces will miss his hair-raising riding. The pits will miss his back-breaking back-answers. And life will probably be a lot more peaceful for the Speedway Control Board.

SECOND "LITTLE MO"

Burghersdorp, in the East Cape Province of South Africa, has

Victorian Tennis Tournament

Melbourne, Dec. 2. Vic Selous, American-Davis Cup captain, entered the semi-finals of the Victorian Lawn Tennis championships today but his tramme—Ham Richardson—was sent to the sidelines.

Selous, the United States top-ranked player from Philadelphia, scored a one-sided 6-0, 6-2, 6-2 victory over Ken Rosewall of Australia in their quarter final match.

The 19-year-old Richardson of Baton Rouge, La., had no such luck. He was eliminated by Mervyn Rose, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2. The Australian left-hander never gave Richardson a chance, winning in 55 minutes.

Frank Sedgman, Australia's No. 1 player, also gained a semi-final berth.

Ken McGregor beat Rex Hartwig, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3, 7-2. In the women's quarter-finals, Helen Angwin beat Jennifer Sulley, 6-3, 6-8. Julie Sampson beat Beryl Penrose, 6-4, 6-2. Margaret Connolly beat Pam Southcombe, 6-0, 6-2. Mary Hawton beat Laurel Nicholas, 6-3, 6-4. Associated Press and France Press.

5,428 residents, of whom, 5,427 are unlikely ever to be heard of in England. The other one, a 13-year-old schoolgirl named Jean Forbes, threatening to become the next "Little Mo" of lawn tennis.

Playing in the inter-provincial tournament in Durban, Jean has startled even those officials who had already proclaimed her a possible world champion.

She hits the ball harder than did Bobby Haine Miller—South Africa's famous player of a few years back—when aged 16; has perfect court manners, a model service and appears to have ample time to play her shots. She comes from the same province as Joan Harrison, the Olympic swimmer.

Nursing an ambition to play at Wimbledon in two years' time,

Jean is to be specially coached by Bobby Miller in Durban.

CUP TICKETS. The Football Association say it is difficult to imagine a more equitable method of distributing Cup Final tickets than the present one. No such difficulty bothers Mr L. G. Gittins, of Wembley. He writes:

"It has been estimated that admission charges to the Cup Final last year amounted to double the total admission charge according to the printed tickets. £40,000 to the spite! "If the attending public are to pay double, then let the charges be doubled. No control of prices will ever beat the law of supply and demand. "The extra income could be used to help the sport in many ways."

(London Express Service)

FIRST MEETING OF BUSINESS HOUSES SPORTS FEDERATION

The first official meeting of the Business Houses Sports Federation was held at the Cable and Wireless Sports Club, Caroline Hill, last night, when a temporary committee was formed.

Nominated as Chairman was Mr R. J. Taylor (Hong-kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.), with Mr J. Strachan (Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd.) as Hon. Secretary and Mr C. J. P. de Heer (Royal Inter-ocean Line) as Hon. Treasurer.

The meeting opened with Mr Strachan in the chair. He said that replies had been received from James Matheson and Co., Ltd., the Dairy Farm, Reims, Cable and Wireless, Royal Inter-ocean Line, and Imperial Chemical Industries out of 648 circulars sent out to business houses, among which were a large number of Chinese firms. While the number of applications was not as satisfactory as the organisers had hoped, he felt that the majority of potential members were holding back until something concrete had been formed. The response from interested houses had been encouraging, and the organisers were confident that the idea of a Business Houses Sports Federation would catch on.

Mr Strachan said that so far offers had been received for the use of three miniature football fields, two badminton courts, three table tennis tables, three basketball pitches, five tennis courts and two dart boards.

After the nomination of the temporary officers, Mr Taylor took the chair, and stressed it was up to the working committee to get things moving. He was sure that once this was achieved, the committee would be overwhelmed with applications. He had played in a Business Houses League in Great Britain where it had been most successful, and he felt the establishment of such a Federation in Hongkong would achieve equal success, especially as the foundation members comprised some of the biggest business houses in the Colony. What was needed at the moment was greater support. He appealed to the Colony's business firms to send at least one representative

to the next meeting so that the organisation of various sporting activities could be thoroughly discussed.

Mr Taylor said the Federation had organised a table tennis tournament among members who had so far joined and the tournament was now in progress. It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, December 17, at 6 p.m. at a venue to be announced later. Others present at last night's meeting were Mr A.F.V. Ribeiro (Cable and Wireless), Mr A.J. Hussain (Rediffusion), Mr K.K. Cheuk (Butterfield and Swire), Mr J.D. Mackie (Jardine Matheson), and Mr K.K. Chow (Dairy Farm).

OBJECTS

As most of the business houses sports clubs meet with the same difficulties, it is in their interest to join the Federation, whose objects are:

(a) To promote good sportsmanship and fellowship between members of the clubs and associations affiliated with the Business Houses Sports Federation.

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Any further information will be gladly supplied by Mr J. Strachan, Hon. Secretary and Vice Committee, c/o The Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., telephone 2811 or 2812.

Welsh Rugger Loses "Wonder Boy"

LEEDS RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB
BELIEVED TO HAVE PAID
£7,000 TO LEWIS JONES

By PETER LOVEGROVE

The keen regret with which was received the news that Lewis Jones, "wonder boy" of Welsh rugger, had turned professional was not limited to Rugby Union enthusiasts in the Principality. This well-built, fair-headed youth of 21, the finest natural player to emerge in the post-war era, was a popular figure, a feared opponent, and a great draw throughout the British Isles, and he had also made his mark in Australia and New Zealand.

In his four seasons of first-class rugby he won every possible honour in the game, and yet seemed barely on the threshold of a career which promised to shatter every record that has been set up over the years.

He has played with equal success at full-back, centre three-quarter and outside-half, and even on the wing—though he showed a personal preference for the centre position. A phenomenal kicker with either foot, I have seen him convert touch-line goals from 60 yards and he has been credited with near-misses from 75 yards.

A beautifully-balanced runner with a clever change of pace and the most deceptive body evasive which took him either way out of the clutches of would-be tacklers with almost contemptuous ease, he never seemed to have to hurry, timed his passes to the last possible split second, and rarely did the same thing twice. His instinctive positional sense enabled him to bring off the most audacious intercepts; he had safe hands, and a hand-off his victims rarely forgot.

FAME AT 18

Young Lewis hails from the village of Gorseon, and after showing exceptional promise with the local club, got his chance with North Wales in the "Big Five" Welsh clubs with a very strong fixture list. He made a sensational start, and in three months with the "All Blacks" scored over 100 points and equalled the Club record of 18 points in a single match.

In the summer of 1949 National Service took him into the Royal Navy, and he turned out for Devonport Services,

where he struck up a remarkable understanding with Malcolm Thomas. Selected for the second Welsh Trial at full-back in December, he got his first cap a month later at Twickenham—the youngest player ever to turn out for Wales.

It was a nerve-wracking initiation for such a youngster before 75,000 spectators and a "bogey" to overcome, and within a few minutes of the start it looked as if the worst fears might be realised when England's John Smith broke away from 40 yards and raced past the lad in irresistible manner for the opening score.

This shock treatment did the Welsh team all the good in the world. The whole side got down to the job in real earnest, and young Lewis steered down to play like an experienced veteran.

More, just before half-time, he fielded a kick near the half-way line and, instead of finding touch, ran confidently through the opposition with a remarkably strong, zig-zag run before putting Cliff Davies through for the touch down. After the interval he gave Wales the lead with a brilliant penalty goal, and, for good measure, converted a try.

Wales went on to win the International Championship and the Triple Crown. Lewis Jones, moved to his best position in the centre, converted three more goals and two penalties.

JAPANESE TABLE TENNIS
TEAM TO TOUR GERMANY

Frankfurt, Dec. 2.

The German Table Tennis Federation has invited the Japanese national table tennis team for a series of international meets to be held here next February, sports officials announced.

The Japanese table tennis team will tour this country in a series of contests with top German players, officials added. The Japanese team's final itinerary will not be completed for a few more weeks, however, the Federation said.

Dressen Rehired
As Manager
Of Dodgers

Phoenix, Arizona, Dec. 2. Charlie (Chuck) Dressen was rehired as manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers for 1953 at an undisclosed salary, it was learned today.

It was estimated he will receive \$40,000 an increase of \$10,000 over his 1952 salary. Dressen led the Dodgers to the National League pennant last season after losing the Championship to the New York Giants in a play-off in 1951, his first year at the helm of the club.

Official announcement of Dressen's selection is expected about midday after a meeting of Dodgers' executives—Associated Press.

Soccer Referees'
Examination

The following have passed an Association Football Referee's Examination held on Tuesday, November 4:

Chan Ping-lak, Chan Shiu-chuen, George Jor, Lai Shiu-wing, Lau Kung-ming, W. H. Lau, Dicky J. Lee, Li Fook-on, Li Tak-kee, Louis C. Ping, Luk Tai-sun, Y. C. Mak, Siu King-chung, Tsang Nai-bun, Wong Kam-tim, Wong Yick-chun, Yau Wah-hing, Yv. Yung-kia.

KBGC To Hold
"Closing Day"

The Kowloon Bowling Green Club will hold its "Closing Day" on Sunday, December 7.

The bowls match will commence at 2.30 p.m. sharp and all members intending to participate in the game should sign the list on the Club Notice Board. Tea will be served at 3.45 p.m.

Invitations have been sent to all Bowling Clubs in the Colony to be represented by two members and it is hoped that the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association will provide an official rink of four bowlers.

At the conclusion of the game, Mrs. C.E. Terry will present the prizes to winners of Club competitions.

He appeared again at Twickenham in Royal Navy Dark Blue and scored all his side's points in the Inter-Services tournament. An invitation to represent the Barbarians at Easter followed; he collected all their eight points against Cardiff, another eight at Swansea's Vetch Field, and five at Rodney Parade against Newport.

He was not originally selected for the British Isles touring side which went to New Zealand and Australia, but was flown out after the team had been depleted by injuries, and scored 82 points in 11 appearances.

The following winter—1950-51—although he helped the Navy to win the Inter-Services tournament, his international star dimmed. He started well enough with four conversions against England but then was made the scapegoat for Wales' surprising collapse at Murrayfield, and the selectors ignored him for the rest of the season. In any other country he would have been an automatic choice. Wales, incidentally, did not win another game.

Released from the Service last winter, Lewis joined Llanelly and showed such consistent brilliance for the Scarlets—he scored 128 points for them—and in the Trials that he was back in the Welsh XV. However, he was still half in disgrace with the selectors, and was placed on the left wing where his particular gifts were wasted.

He got no chance against the Springboks, pulled a muscle against England, but came into his own later, landing one of his best penalty goals against Ireland, and was back at centre for the game with France, when he kicked two goals.

He celebrated his 21st birthday at Easter as a Barbarian again, kicking six goals and scoring a try in a single match. This season, in ten games for Llanelly, he had collected another 80 points, and was proving himself a greater match-winner than ever.

STRIKING DEBUT

Many efforts had been made by leading Rugby League clubs to sign him up in the past two seasons, but he had resisted all their blandishments. Wigan, Warrington, Leigh and Leeds had all been after him, and he has at last succumbed to the latter club's record offer, believed to be between six and seven thousand pounds.

Much too tempting a sum for this quiet, modest lorry driver from Gorseon to refuse. As a professional he will also be receiving £13 for every away win, £11 for a home win, and a minimum of £7 for a defeat. He is also being given a job by one of the Leeds directors, and in the summer will probably play Yorkshire League cricket as a professional.

The previous record payment to a Rugby Union convert was £5,000 for Trevor Allan, the Australian full-back of the 1948 Tour, by Leigh.

Will Lewis Jones's departure open the floodgates and lure many other Welsh Union stars to the North? The possibility is certainly there, and it is known that ten of the Welsh and Cardiff outside half, Malcolm Thomas, the Newport centre, and Alan Thomas, of Cardiff.

Just how big a draw these Union stars are in the Rugby League can be gauged from Lewis Jones's first appearance in a 13-a-side game. There were 17,000 spectators to see him kick seven goals in Leeds' overwhelming victory over Kelghley—3,000 more than the average gate.

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ITALIAN FILM STAR'S FIRST NIGHT DRESS



Italian star of the film "Miracle in Milan", Brunella Bovo, poses in the striking dress of Italian white flowered lace which she will wear at the London premiere of her film. — Express Photo.

Logan Gourlay's Show Business

Yes, It Pays To Be
James Mason

It pays to be James Mason. Onward and upward moves his career, bringing him a choice selection of films at around £50,000 per film.

Latest announcement is that he gets the leading part in the as yet untitled Carol Reed film to be made in Berlin.

Says Mason, last associated with Reed in *Odd Man Out*: "I'm delighted by the prospect of working with Reed again."

Without specifying to which acting category he thinks he belongs, he adds: "A director like Reed can make a bad actor seem good, and a good one even better."

LIFTED BACK

THE Carol Reed directing prestige is now so high that many stars would be willing to work for him for nothing; so Mason is signally honoured—and he will be paid. Yet not so long ago it looked as though Mason would sink into Hollywood oblivion. The first three films he made out there after he left Britain in 1946—*Caught* and *Reckless Moment*—were two of the titles—were ill-chosen. They might have ruined a less resourceful star.

But two recent films—*Rommel* and *Five Fingers*—have lifted him back to the peak of his career.

A third—*Botany Bay*—opening in Britain this month is expected to keep him there.

SADISTIC

MASON, with Alan Ladd as co-star, has the kind of part which first whipped his public into adoring submission. He plays a sadistic, keel-hauling sea captain carrying a load of convict settlers to Australia around 1780.

Charles Laughton, of course, had a similar kind of part as the celebrated Captain Bligh in *Mutiny on the Bounty*, but Mason manages to give it a distinctive tang.

Since *Botany Bay* he has stepped into the star-studded *Julius Caesar*, playing Brutus in the company of John Gielgud and Marlon Brando.

At present he is back in *Rommel* uniform for a part in *The Desert Fox*. And in a few weeks he leaves to start work with Reed in Berlin.

The film will be completed at Shepperton Studios, and Mason will come to London in April with his wife, Pamela. But they will not be returning home, for by that time they will have completed the switch from British to American citizenship. (Says Pamela: "If Zsa Zsa Gabor can become an American citizen so can I...")

MASON's casting in the Reed film will be a blow to Herbert Wilcox who hoped to reunite him with Margaret Lockwood in *The King's General*. In a message from Hollywood Mason tells me: "I was first offered *The King's General* some time ago, but I have finally decided to say, 'No. Quite definitely, No!'

If he ever swayed between choosing *The King's General* or the Berlin film one factor must have influenced him apart from the Carol Reed prestige.

The Berlin film is being made by Sir Alex. Korda's London Films Company. And last July, after protracted legal wrangling,



Under the hat—MASON
Under the lash—LADD

Mason was ordered to repay to Korda £12,500—part of a sum he had been advanced for films which were never made.

So now he gets the £12,500 back from Korda in salary plus, at his present rate, about £38,000.

It pays to be James Mason—at the moment.

ON THE FLOOR

WHAT was the comic song that John Mills sang to the Queen, Prince Philip, and Princess Margaret at the party given recently by Douglas Fairbanks, KBE, in his Kensington home?

"It hasn't really got a name," Mills told me. "It's just a little thing I've done before at parties based on an old music-hall act called the *Eton Boys and Girls*."

"They were very old boys and girls, and they sang with great solemnity."

"The words I sing aren't very funny. You have to see the actions."

The Queen, Prince Philip, and Princess Margaret saw the actions and thought them very funny. They saw them from unusual positions. The party was informal and they sat on the floor—on cushions. N.B. Last time Mills appeared before the Queen was at this year's Royal Film Performance. He came on at the end

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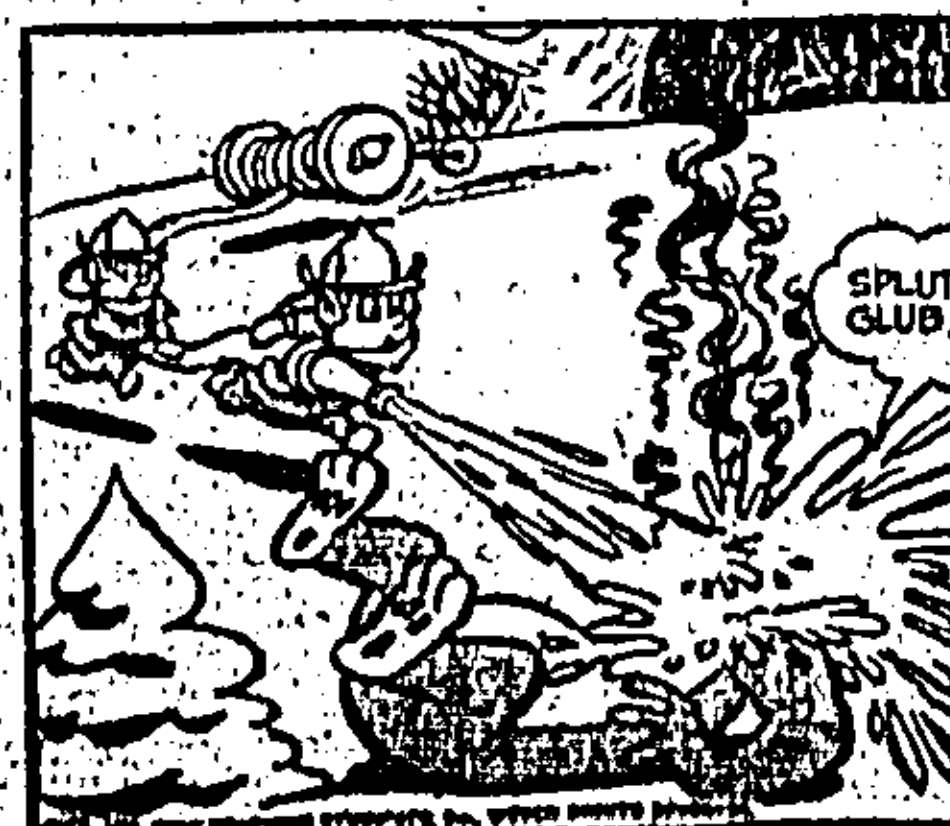
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THAT Gene Kelly's latest M-G-M film, "The Devil Makes Three", co-starring Pler Angell, will be released in the provinces without a London West End showing, because, says the company, "too many other important films are competing for places in the West End."

THAT Edward G. Robinson, kept off the screen for a long period because of alleged Communist sympathies, will return at last in a film titled "Harvest Bull."

THAT Franchot Tone, who was fired last year for spitting in the face of columnist Flornel Muir, was one of the guests at a recent cocktail party given in New York by Flornel Muir.

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"Arctic Weather" In Birmingham

London, Dec. 2.

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The tests being made are on rubber—its behaviour in aircraft and vehicles in low temperatures. Oil seals, washers, clothing, oxygen masks, and in particular tyres, are all being checked.

The problem facing the scientists is that natural and synthetic rubber begins to stiffen and get harder as it gets colder. Below about minus 50 degrees Centigrade, natural rubber loses most of its rubber-like qualities—and synthetic rubber often loses them even sooner.

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The Birmingham tests involve trying out new materials in a cold test chamber. Complete tyres are also "frozen, landed and taken-off" in a chamber and checked at various temperatures. Scientists watch the results through a glass panel windscreen.

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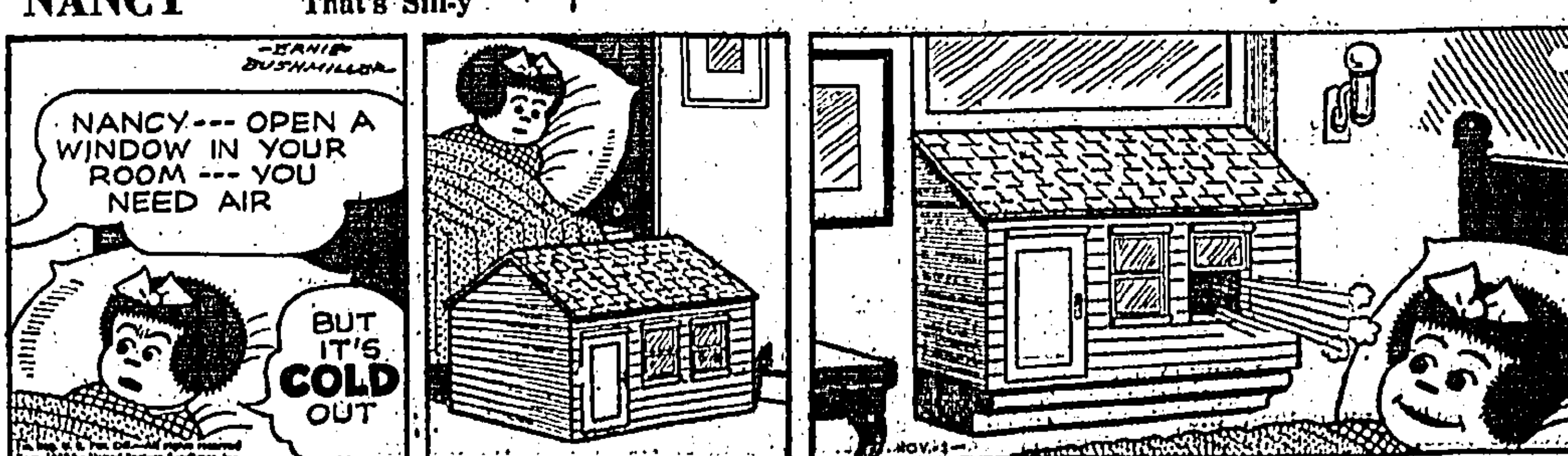
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As she is Queen of all the Commonwealth nations except the Republic of India—which recognises her only as the head of the Commonwealth—the question of her titles is of vital concern to all the countries now at the London talks.

The British Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, told Parliament recently that the question of the Queen's title might be discussed at the Commonwealth conference.

The Statute of Westminster, Charter of the Commonwealth countries, lays down that any changes in the style and titles of the ruler must have the agreement of the Governments and Parliaments of the Commonwealth.

King George VI, father of Queen Elizabeth, was crowned "George VI, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India."

Following the transfer of power to India and Pakistan on August 15, 1947, the title "Emperor of India" became extinct.

Some Commonwealth countries do not like the word "Empire" in the style and titles of their rulers. They liked the form used in the proclamation of Queen Elizabeth's accession—"Queen of this realm and all other realms and territories, head of the Commonwealth."



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